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COMMISSIONER ARTHUR SPADA STATEMENT RE: AUDITORS REPORT

The State Auditor's examination of the Division of Homeland Security that was requested by Sen. Kevin Sullivan has been completed and turned over to Sen. Sullivan.

The report, according to Sen. Sullivan, shows no evidence of any wrongdoing in the Division of Homeland Security. Commissioner Spada was not surprised with the auditor's findings. There were no surprises that the Division of Homeland Security has always functioned and continues to function in an honorable, professional manner for the people of Connecticut.

This auditors report revealed that there was no evidence of wrongdoing by the Division of Homeland Security. Public Statements made about the Division of Homeland Security were groundless, ill conceived and hurtful. These public statements were damaging to the reputation, integrity, and professionalism of the men and woman who work daily to ensure the security of the citizens of Connecticut.

The continuous reference to highway construction overtime is misplaced. Only troopers who are off duty may perform highway construction overtime, and this overtime is available to all off duty troopers on a rotating basis.

The State auditors are to be commended for the quick efficient manner in which this audit was completed. Commissioner Spada stated "Department of Public Safety is always ready and willing to assist the Senator in the examination of any division of the Department of Public Safety.

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